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SUBJECT:R/V ALEXANDER AGASSIZ

1. R/V ALEXANDER AGASSIZ, OWNED AND OPERATED BY SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY, DESIRES TO MAKE BRIEF ENTRY GOLFO DULCE ENROUTE NORTH RETURNING TO SAN DIEGO AFTER COMPLETION PRESENT PHASE SURVEYING PLAGIC PLANKTON AND MICRONEKTON POPULATIONS OF EASTERN PACIFIC OFF WEST COAST SOUTH AMERICA. UNIQUE ANAEROBIC ENVIRONMENT OF GOLFO DULCE OF INTEREST TO SCIENTISTS WHO WISH TO OBTAIN CORE TO STUDY SEDIMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MICROFOSSILS, ALSO HYDROGRAPHIC CAST WILL BE TAKEN TO STUDY WATER CHEMISTRY.

2. BEGIN TEXT SUGGESTED NOTE (COMP OPEN) ... Y TIENE EL HONOR DE SOLICITAR AUTORIZACION PARA QUE EL BARCO DE INVESTIGACION ALEXANDER AGASSIZ, QUE ES PROPIEDAD Y ESTA OPERADO POR EL INSTITUTO DE OCEANOGRAFIA SCRIPPS EN LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA, LLEVE A CABO INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS EN AGUAS DEL GOLFO DULCE DURANTE APROXIMADAMENTE UN DIA O MENOS, EL 1 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 1974.

3. ADICIONALMENTE, LA EMBAJADA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS TIENE UNCLASSIFIED

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EL HONOR DE INFORMAR A LA SECRETARIA QUE EL PROPOSITO DE

ESTA INVESTIGACION ES REALIZAR INVESTIGACIONES QUE

CONSISTIRAN EN TOMAR UNA MUESTRA DEL SEDIMENTO, Y REALIZAR ANALISIS HIDROGRAFICOS Y QUIMICOS EN AGUAS DEL GOLFO DULCE.

4. EL R/V ALEXANDER AGASSIZ LLEVA UNA TRIPULACION DE DIECIOCHO PERSONAS Y UN EQUIPO CIENTIFICO DE TRECE PERSONAS INCLUYENDO PROFESORES Y ESTUDIANTES. EL JEFE CIENTIFICO ES EL DR. EDWARD BRINTON DEL INSTITUTO DE OCEANOGRAFIA SCRIPPS.

5. TODOS LOS RESULTADOS QUE SE OBTENGAN DE ESTA INVESTIGACION SE PONDRAN A LA DISPOSICION DE LAS OFICINAS DEL GOBIERNO COSTARRICENSE CORRESPONDIENTES.

6. LA EMBAJADA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS AGRADECERIA QUE SE LE INFORMARA SI LOS PLANES ANTERIORES CUENTAN CON LA APROBACION DEL GOBIERNO DE COSTA RICA (COMP CLOSE) END TEXT.

7. ADDITIONAL INFO: R/V AGASSIZ 180 FT LLENGTH, 870 TONS DISPLACEMENT. VESSEL TO DEPART CALLAO PERU AUGUST 23, ARRIVE ACAPULCO MEXICO SEPT 5. VISIT TO GOLFO DULCE IS FOR SCIENTIFIC EFFORT DISCUSSED ABOVE, NO PLANS TO CALL COSTA RICAN PORT. ARRIVAL DATE OF FIRST SEPTEMBER CONSIDERED ACCURATE, BUT SUBJECT TO NORMAL VAGARIES OF WEATHER, MACHINERY, ETC; WILL KEEP POST INFORMED. KISSINGER

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